

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(10)

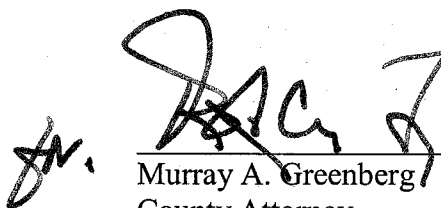
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 19, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Florida
legislature to provide
Jackson Health System
recurring general revenue
funding

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

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"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

Budget required

Statement of fiscal impact required

Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-19-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
PROVIDE JACKSON HEALTH SYSTEM RECURRING
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDING

WHEREAS, Jackson Health System ("Jackson") is the State's largest provider of charity care and Medicaid, serving the Florida community as the only safety net hospital in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Jackson treats patients from all over the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Jackson is the only Adult and Pediatric Level 1 Trauma Center in Miami-Dade County, the only Burn Center south of Orlando, one of only eleven statewide Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Centers and the only hospital to perform every kind of transplant in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Jackson is consistently listed in *US News and World Report* as one of the Nation's top hospitals in a variety of specialties; and

WHEREAS, Jackson is continually overburdened by an inordinate amount of charity care that continues to be a financial strain on the system; and

WHEREAS, recurring general revenue from the State Legislature for hospitals is neither new nor unprecedented, with two other hospitals in Florida, Shands at the University of Florida and H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, annually receiving recurring general revenue from the state; and

WHEREAS, neither of these institution is publicly owned, and neither one provides the level of charity or Medicaid care that Jackson provides; and

WHEREAS, last year Shands and Moffitt received approximately \$9.8 million and \$16 million, respectively, on the basis of the services these institutions provide to low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, Jackson provided approximately \$500 million in charity care last year; and

WHEREAS, the budget approved by the Legislature last year included \$8.2 million in non-recurring funding for Jackson, but the Governor line-item vetoed this funding; and

WHEREAS, this funding would have been used to reinstate Jackson's inpatient reimbursement rates, which were cut by six (6) percent two years ago,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to provide Jackson Health System recurring general revenue funding.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation and the implementation of the reforms set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of December, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Jess M. McCarty

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